

The Washington Clean Indoor Air Act & Initiative 901



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Statewide ban on smoking in **ALL** public indoor places:



- Bars
- Taverns
- Bowling centers
- Non-tribal casinos
- 75% hotel & motel rooms
- All other places of employment

Hazards of Secondhand Smoke



- Group A carcinogen
- Causes 3,000 cases of lung cancer in nonsmokers each year
- Kills 53,000 nonsmokers in US each year

25 foot presumptive reasonable distance from:



- Doors
- Windows that open
- Air intake vents

Private Clubs



To be exempt as “public places”, clubs must:

- Be open to members only, and
- Never open to the public (e.g. for banquets, receptions, etc.), and
- Utilize only volunteer staff receiving no compensation

Compliance Tools



- Develop written customer/employee policy
- Post signs conspicuously
- Move or remove ashtrays, ashcans, matches
- Direct smokers to designated outside area

Employees/Customers Who Smoke



- Employer's discretion
 - Non-enclosed shelters 25' away OK
- Smoking break rooms prohibited

Customers Who Refuse to Comply



- **Teach staff procedure for unruly customers:**
 - Ask customers to obey the law
 - If they refuse, ask them leave the premises
 - If they refuse, tell them you are calling 911 to report them as trespassing
 - Call 911 to report the trespass

Enforcement Plan



- Focus on education & voluntary compliance
- Reliance on public for reporting violations
- Initial response is letter to owner/manager
- Ongoing violations result in fines, PA actions

Violations



Reported on Complaint Line & Websites

- 360-397-2550 (CCHD Info/Complaint line)
- www.clark.wa.gov/health/tobacco/
 - CCHD website
- www.secondhandsmokesyou.com
 - Click on “Clark County” to register complaint

Tobacco Cessation Resources



WA Tobacco Quit Line

- 1-877-270-STOP (7867)
 - Free, confidential help in quitting tobacco
 - Staffed by former smoker
 - Individualized plans
- www.QuitLine.com

Tobacco Cessation Resources



- “Stick it to Kick it” for 18-29 year olds
 - Call Tobacco Quit Line
 - Free nicotine patches until 1/31/2006
- Local stop smoking classes
 - www.clark.wa.gov/health/tobacco

Other states' experience



- New York City
- Corvallis, OR
- El Paso, TX
- California
- Massachusetts

Effect on Business



- Smoke-free ordinances did not adversely affect restaurant or bar sales.
- Conclusion: No properly conducted study shows a negative economic impact

Questions?

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